and some other members said that there seemed to be no objection to the proposed amendment.

Messrs. B. S. SHANKARAPPA SETTY, SINGAM RANGASWAMAPPA, B. R. KAVETI RANGAPPA, T. L. GANGOJI RAO and others however held that it would not be in the interests of the poor rate-payers to double the rate.

The general principles of the bill were put to vote and adopted

At 5 p.m. the Assembly rose for the day to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, 8th June 1940.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion at 12 of the clock, on Saturday, 8th June 1940, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Government Servants and Congress Movement.

Q.—5. **Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER** (Channapatna Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

if they are aware of the conduct of certain Government servants who have been secretly helping certain Congress workers who have been trying to overthrow the Government of His Highness the Maharaja established by law?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprasaktha B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

No.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Have the Government made any enquiries about it?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We have received no complaints necessitating an enquiry.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Now that the question has been raised, will an enquiry be set on foot?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No special enquiry appears necessary. If any specific cases come to notice, the persons concerned will be suitably dealt with. It is well recognized that absolute loyalty is the first requisite in a Government servant.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Should the Government not satisfy themselves that there is no Government servant with Congress leanings?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That question does not arise.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Have the Government any reason to doubt that their servants are thoroughly loyal and have been acting up to their conscience?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is what is expected of them.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it not the policy of Government that their employees should be indifferent to matters pertaining to the Congress?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes. They should not interest themselves in party politics.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Are the Government aware that some of their servants are working contrary to the Congress interest in

matters like elections to the public bodies ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Have not several statements to that effect from local Congress leaders appeared in the Press from time to time ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—May have appeared.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Are the Government aware that at least some of their officers have been evincing personal interest in particular candidates in connection with elections ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Are the Government aware that the state of affairs as disclosed by the question before the House is quite contrary to the allegations contained in the statements of the President of the Mysore Congress ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—This is a matter of opinion.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Why were not the Congress President's statements in the Press contradicted by Government ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That has nothing to do with this question.

Mr. M. R. SIVAPPA.—Was it the desire of Government that Congress members should get into the councils ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That question does not arise and besides there is no question of desire on the part of Government of one kind or another.

Mr. M. R. SIVAPPA.—Is it a fact that some seats were reserved for representatives of the Congress party in the case of elections from Tiptur Taluk to public bodies ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. Rayara KEMPANNA.—Will the Government please state whether the member who has sent up this question is in possession of any concrete facts to substantiate the implications of his question ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government are not aware of any such thing. But when concrete facts are brought to notice, necessary action has been and will be taken.

Mr. Rayara KEMPANNA.—In the absence of information relating to concrete facts, can any steps be taken by Government ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO.—Has the member reported any facts to Government at least confidentially ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Has it come to the notice of local officers that some Government officials actively helped certain Congress candidates in connection with the recent elections to the Mysore District Board ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Perhaps so.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—If so, is not their conduct opposed to public service rules ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—What steps do the Government propose to take with a view to prevent such interference in future ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government have taken and will take necessary action in all such cases, because as already stated, loyalty is the first requisite on the part of Government servants.

Mr. G. MALLANNA.—To wipe out any wrong impression in regard to this matter on the part of the public, will a press communique be issued by the Government ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The public at large need no fresh assurances in this matter. It is enough if the officials are aware of the intentions of Government. However, the suggestion will be considered.

Mr. D. VENKATARAMANAPPA.—If definite information relating to the erring officials is placed before Government, are they prepared to dismiss the officials ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—They will certainly be dealt with suitably.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—Are the Government aware that certain polling officers sometimes record votes in favour of candidates other than those whose names are mentioned by illiterate voters ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—If specific instances are brought to notice, will suitable action be taken against the concerned polling officers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Certainly. The rules already provide for the filing of election petitions in such cases.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—Are not shanbhogs and patels considered as Government servants?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. Rayara KEMPANNA.—Are shanbhogs and patels compelled to vote for particular candidates?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO. If the local officers are not in favour of Congress candidates, does it not show that Government want to put down the Congress?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I am not prepared to answer that question.

Mr. K. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO.—The Congress has been recognised as a political party in the country. The present question before this House contains an innuendo and insinuations against the Congress and the hon. member who raised it has not chosen to mention any particular officials who are alleged to have canvassed support for Congress candidates . . . . .

Mr. PRESIDENT.—He is not bound to mention names.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Without the village officers having a hand nothing important can take place in the villages. And elections to public bodies are a matter of the greatest importance to us. Therefore, will it not be helpful if Government give wide publicity to their views on this question for the information of village officers as well as of the general public?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Can shanbhogs and patels stand for election on the Congress ticket?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—No.

Mr. VEERE GOWDA.—What about the shanbhogs and the patels who have got themselves returned on the Congress ticket in connection with the recent District Board elections?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question will be examined.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—In view of the fact that the Congress is carrying on agitation of a subversive nature, should not Government refuse to recognize candidates returned on the Congress ticket?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That question will have to be examined as already stated, now that it has come up. But it is well-known that Government servants cannot belong to any political party. If therefore patels and shanbhogs have been returned as Congress candidates, they must resign either their membership of the political party in question or their village offices.

Opening a Railway Station between Closepet and Bidadi.

Q.—7. Messrs. S. L. MUDDUBASAVIAH and M. B. GURULINGIAH (Closepet Taluk) and Mr. A. M. VENKATASWAMIAH (Closepet Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the prayer for the construction of a regular railway station between Closepet and Bidadi has come to their notice;

(*b*) if an estimate has been prepared in this behalf;

(*c*) whether any arrangements have been made for carrying it out this year?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT for RAILWAYS (Rajasevaprasaktha B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. The work will be taken up in its turn after the Nagenhalli crossing station is completed.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—May I know why an estimate has not yet been prepared?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR—There is no object in preparing an estimate for a work which is not likely to be taken up in the near future.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Has an estimate been prepared for the construction of the Nagenhalli crossing station at least?

The GENERAL MANAGER, MYSORE STATE RAILWAY (Mr. Y. K. Ramachandra Rau).—Yes. The work will be done next year.